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Mr. William Benton  
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Dear Bill:

I want you to know that I have received and  
looked over the 1959 Britannica "Book of the Year"  
which you were so thoughtful to send me.

I greatly appreciate your remembering me with  
this excellent edition.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

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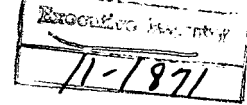
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WILLIAM BENTON  
PUBLISHER & CHAIRMAN

Dear Allen:

I am sending you, with my best wishes, the 1959 Britannica "Book of the Year" which is just off the press.

This edition, which records major American and world developments of 1958, contains more than a million words and some 500 illustrations and tables - in more than a thousand articles. (The 1959 printing of the 24 volume set of Encyclopaedia Britannica itself - the parent of the Yearbook - contains four million new words out of 40 million; and this may help illustrate the pace of change in the modern world.)

It is, of course, a temptation each year to try to identify those developments which may have the greatest historical impact. Sputnik seemed clearly the historic event of 1957. Harder to judge is 1958, which saw, in science, the launching of new satellites, the climax of the International Geophysical Year, and the dramatic voyage of the "Nautilus" under the North Pole; and in world politics the effort in Communist China at "a great leap forward", the rise of DeGaulle in France, and crises in Quemoy, the Middle East and Berlin. Having voted for the project as a U.S. Senator, in spite of widespread opposition in my state of Connecticut, I was particularly interested in the opening of the St. Lawrence Waterway.

I suggest especially the three long articles which lead off the new Yearbook - one by Arnold Toynbee on the West and the Arabs, with additional comments on this article by Abba Eban, the Israeli Ambassador to the United States; a second by newly-inducted Senator Ernest Gruening, on Alaska; and a third by Marquis Childs, one of my favorite journalists, on the consumer in the Soviet Union. I was pleased to be in a position to encourage Mr. Childs to visit the USSR as a follow-up to my own visit of three years ago.

Sincerely,

William Benton